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## MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: POLICY 148 – Use of Cell Phone While Operating a Motor Vehicle

## 1. References:

- a. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, 20 July 1999.
  - b. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, 12 March 1987.
  - c. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 22 May 2006.
- d. Memorandum, HQ TRADOC, ATJA, 18 May 2006, subject: Safety Extending Cell Phone Prohibited Use Policy to Soldiers Operating Privately Owned Conveyances (POVs) Off Post
- 2. Purpose: This memorandum prescribes the command policy concerning the prohibited use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. This policy applies to all military personnel, whether on or off post, and to all civilian personnel who operate a motor vehicle on Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
- 3. Policy: IAW reference c, vehicle operators on a DOD installation and operators of Government owned vehicles will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands–free device. The wearing of any other portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices (except for hands–free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.
- 4. The use of non-hands-free cellular telephones or Blackberry devices while operating a motor vehicle on Fort Huachuca is prohibited for all personnel. This prohibition is extended to all Soldiers operating any motor vehicle, regardless of location. The use of a hands-free cellular telephone is authorized if the use does not impede the operator's ability to control the vehicle.
- a. A motor vehicle operator who holds a cellular telephone in the immediate proximity of their ear or eye while their vehicle is in motion is presumed to be engaged in a call.

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- b. No person shall operate a cellular telephone to engage in a call of any type, hands free device or not, when approached or engaged by a law enforcement or security officer.
- c. The use of a non-hands free cellular telephone while driving is authorized for the sole purpose of communicating an emergency situation with an emergency response operator, such as the Fire Department or Military Police. Every attempt however will be made to pull over and stop your vehicle before making such a call.
- d. The only authorized exceptions to this policy are law enforcement, fire and emergency response personnel in the performance of their official duties.
- 5. This policy is effective 1 July 2006. Violators of this policy will be cited on DA Form 1408 (Military Traffic Citation). In accordance with reference c above, points will be assessed and a copy will be forwarded to the chain of command for action.
- 6. This memorandum supersedes memorandum, HQ USAIC&FH, ATZS-CG, 17 Oct 05, sab.
- 7. Proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Emergency Services, 533-3232.

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